



To: Senator Patterson, Chair
Senator Hayden, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Health Care Committee

From: Courtney Johnston, Director Government Relations, Trillium Community Health Plan

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Re: SB 564 letter of support

Trillium Community Health Plan (Trillium) coordinates physical, behavioral, and oral health care for Oregon Health Plan members in Lane, Western Douglas, Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. Trillium utilizes a patient-centered coordinated care model focused on individuals' whole health through active local involvement. Trillium has been serving Oregon Health Plan members for over 20 years and recognizes the inherent value of a community driven health care.

We are pleased to support SB 564 to further our mission of community-driven health care. At Trillium, we are committed to promoting cultural competence, diversity, and health equity, to support responsive service delivery and decrease health disparities in Oregon. We have been long-standing partners with the Lane Equity Coalition, and we remain dedicated to fostering awareness and to championing change by working in partnership with our communities towards health equity.

SB 564 will offer support for Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) to enter the second phase of expansion which began in 2021 through SB 70. This expansion is working toward statewide representation to develop RHEC capacity to support health equity efforts across Oregon. Specifically, this will expand this program to fully fund the existing ten RHECs; add five new coalitions aimed at achieving statewide coverage; and increase staffing to sufficiently support this important program.

The Regional Health Equity Coalition (RHEC) model has been successful because it uplifts and centers impact of structural, institutional, and interpersonal racism on the health and well-being of communities of color. The model also prioritizes meaningful engagement of communities most impacted to lead efforts; and honors community wisdom by ensuring policy and system change solutions build upon community strengths. As autonomous, cross-sector organizations, RHECs create mutual benefits for the communities we serve.

We urge your support for SB 564.